

**Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of	)	
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Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable	)	MB Docket No. 05-311
Communications Policy Act of 1984 as Amended	)	
by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and	)	
Competition Act of 1992	)	

**COMMENTS OF WHITMAN HANSON COMMUNITY ACCESS CORPORATION**

Whitman Hanson Community Access (WHCA) appreciates the opportunity to file comments on the Second Further Notice and Proposed Rulemaking ("FNPRM") in the above-referenced docket.

We write to express our concern about and disapproval of the proposals and tentative conclusions set forth in the FCC's September 25 Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as Amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, MB Docket 05- 311.

Whitman Hanson Community Access (WHCA) is an independent non-profit community media center serving the communities of Whitman and Hanson Massachusetts. It is our mission to: "provide content and opportunities which inform, enlighten and entertain members of the Whitman Hanson community through access to modern technology, equipment, facilities, and training."

Everyday WHCA provides members of our two communities; Whitman and Hanson, Massachusetts, a platform and the means to share vital local information with others in the community through our cable channels and facilities. We serve numerous town departments, boards and committees, non-profit organizations, political, historic, as well as other art, cultural, and civic groups. We work with political candidates, local institutions and community groups as well as, schools, libraries, and church, religious, and secular groups. Our partnerships with the schools not only bring educational content to our viewers, but also provide the start to a new vocation for many individuals.

On our channels viewers see full-length coverage of events, not just the quick news-blip you might, but likely won't, catch on the regional, commercial news programs. We have shorter form content too which showcases student projects, small events, and promotes upcoming community events. The community media services that WHCA provides allow our users and viewers to better engage in their community. This is something of increasing importance as many of the developments in the digital and communications realms make us more and more

connected to our work, we often find ourselves more and more disconnected from home. Local cable & community media are crucial in this area. Our services help keep people informed, enlightened, and entertained and make it easier for those trying to inform, enlighten or entertain.

With the proposed rule changes we are concerned over whether we will continue to have the ability or funding to perform these important services and continue to accomplish our mission. Citizens of Whitman and Hanson benefit greatly from our services and a drastic change in funding that could effect our ability to fulfill our mission and provide the services our communities have become accustomed to over the last 30+ years would certainly leave a gaping hole in our communities. We hope that in your rule making you will take into consideration the merits of the opportunities and services places like Whitman Hanson Community Access (WHCA) offer and the free speech and idea/information sharing we promote and facilitate. Whitman Hanson Community Access (WHCA) respectfully urges the FCC to decline to issue rules formalizing such a proposal.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter,

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Dresser", written over a horizontal line.

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